



St Bernadette's School

Friday 3rd April 2020 — Term 1 Week 10

No. 10

Dear Parents,

This Sunday is Palm Sunday. Even though we will not be able to celebrate this event or others during Holy Week in a public space, I hope you are able to spend some time as a family engaging with online live streams from Catholic Churches in the area. In this time of uncertainty, prayer gives us strength and hope.

STOP PRESS!

Catholic Schools NSW have declared next week (Monday-Thursday) as Staff Development Days-Pupil Free Days. These days are to enable staff the opportunity to prepare for online/remote learning that will continue next term.

There will be limited supervision of students for those who require it. Lessons will not take place and the children will be in common areas and supervised by a staff member that will not be their class or grade teacher. Before and After School Care will continue to operate as normal for those children enrolled.

Teachers will not be expected to post work for your children as the children are now on 'holidays', though I know that all classes have lots of 'just for fun' activities and sites listed on the Google Classroom or See-Saw platforms. Your child could always complete any finished work that was previously assigned if you need to keep your children entertained.

I wish to congratulate all parents and care givers for the amazing support you are giving to your families. I know remaining calm and in control can be difficult at times, especially with your children around 24/7 as well as working from home, though you truly are an inspiration.

Please remember to take some time out from the routine to breathe fresh air and rejuvenate. If you find that you or your children need further support, please contact your child's teacher or the office and we can forward your details on to our school counsellor, Mrs Jacqui Shoobridge. If you would like access to other materials on maintaining good mental health during this difficult time, take a look at this government site- <https://headtohealth.gov.au/covid-19-support/covid-19>

A reminder to all families that children are **NOT** allowed to set up zoom meetings between themselves and friends using their **School Email address**. Only the teacher is to set up a zoom meeting to which students are invited to join. If you choose to use this platform to communicate with family and friends, please use your own private email addresses and ensure you monitor your child's use of the internet at all times. (So you know, Zoom's own conditions of use say that you must be over 18 years of age to set up a meeting.)

Don't forget that if your child needs access to a school owned Chromebook to complete school work next term, please ring the office to organise a device to go home. Also, if you do not have internet access at home, please inform the office.

I hope you and your family have a restful weekend.

May God bless and keep you.

Mrs Bianca Cooke
Principal

Week 11 Dates Waste Free Recess & Lunch

Fri 3 April

Last day of formal lessons for Term 1

Sun 5 April

Palm Sunday

Tue 7 April

Uniform Shop closed until further notice
Dance Fever—cancelled

Wed 8 April

Student Banking Day—cancelled

Thurs 9 April

Last Day for Term 1

Fri 10 April

Good Friday

Sat 11 April

Holy Saturday

Sun 12 April

Easter Sunday

Term 2:

Mon 27 April

Staff & Students return (or as per NSW Government's advice)

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2021

Please contact school office: 02 9407 6600



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School Calendar: <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au/en/Community/Events>

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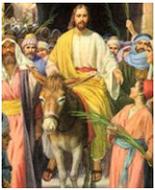


The last week of Lent is called Holy Week. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday (this Sunday) and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ into Jerusalem, just days before he was crucified.



Holy Week ends on Holy Saturday which is the day before Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds at mass which they use to participate in the re-enactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect. Palm branches are a widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday.



The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic too as it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.

You can use the following Prayer with your family for Holy Week.

Prayer for a Celebration of Holy Week

*Jesus, Our Redeemer and Lord,
Enter into my mind and heart as Holy Week unfolds and open me to the grace of this sacred time.
Through its symbols and stories, awaken in me an awareness of your great sacrifice, made so generously on our behalf.
As I gather with other members of my parish family, fill me with humility, gratitude, and reverence.
From the solemn celebration of Palm Sunday to the opening of the Triduum on Holy Thursday, may my focus remain on you.
As I listen once again to the agonizing story of your passion, death, and burial, may I learn what it means to say, 'your will be done.'
And, throughout the quiet space of Holy Saturday, may I await, dormant and expectant, for your rising to new life as Easter dawns.
I ask this in your holy and blessed name.*

Term 1 2020

Fri 3 April—Last day of formal lessons.

Thurs 9 April—Last Day Term 1

Term 2:

Mon 27 April to Fri 3 July

Term 3:

Mon 20 July to Fri 25 September

Term 4:

Mon 12 October to Wed 16 December (last day for students)

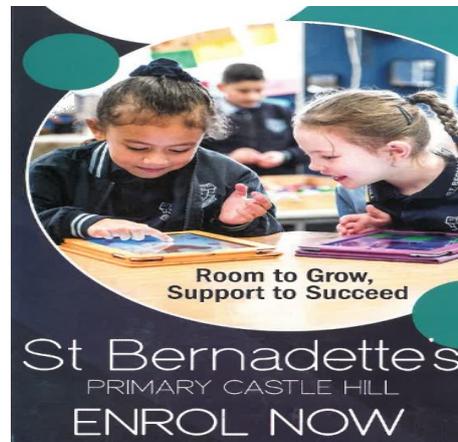
Enrolling Now for Kindergarten 2021

Enrolment packs are available from the school office or for download from our website:

<https://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/How-to-enrol>

Although enrolment interviews have been temporarily suspended due to the current situation, enrolment forms can still be submitted to the school office or via email: Bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au. Our enrolment officer will then contact you to confirm receipt of the form/documents. All forms to be submitted by the **end of April 2020** please.

Existing families wishing to enrol their child into Kindergarten next year are asked to contact the school office before the end of Term 1. All enrolment forms are to be returned to the office by Friday 3rd April 2020. It is very important for our 2021 planning that we know how many siblings to expect in 2021. Thank you.



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Please contact the school office on 9407 6600 if you would like to enrol your child into Kindergarten

Short prayer for strength at work

(a prayer for mental and physical strength)

As I go to work,
Be with me Lord.
Be the patience when I'm frustrated.
Be the endurance when I am tired.
Be the wisdom when I am uncertain.
Be the inspiration when I'm out of ideas.
Be the peacemaker when I feel hurt.
Be the comforter when I feel overwhelmed.
Be the energy when I am weary.
Be the guide when I am confused.
Be the forgiver when I get it wrong.
Be with me Lord, today.